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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and
General Services

Personnel, Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Long
Range
Transportation
Planning

Economic Stimulus
Task Force

Long Range
Strategic Plan
Steering Committee,
Chair

RTA Task Force,
Chair

*What are your
wishes for our
County in
2011? Please
contact me at*

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Leadership Transition at Milwaukee County

County Executive Walker departed on Monday, December 27, as he prepares to become Wisconsin's governor. State statutes provide that the County Board Chairman take a temporary appointment without any approval by the Board; thus, County Board Chairman Lee Holloway was inducted as acting County Executive on Tuesday, December 28. He will serve for 30 days, upon which he will appoint an interim county executive (who could be himself) who must be approved by the full Board to serve through April 5, 2011.

Milwaukee County citizens will have a chance to elect a new County Executive in a primary election on February 15, 2011, and a general election on April 5, 2011.

Wisconsin residents can also expect redistricting in 2011 which will redefine the boundaries of voting districts based on new population counts from the 2010 Census.

Peace, Prosperity and Joy 3 Wishes for District 8 in the New Year

1. **Peace:** May the new leadership for County government find the cooperation of all in working toward the common good of our entire community.
2. **Prosperity:** May our Strategic Planning set the County on a road to fiscal health and may the County labor negotiations find satisfactory outcomes.
3. **Joy:** A word not often found in County government, but may we all find joy in each other and provide the services the least among us require while keeping the burden of taxes to an affordable rate.

Assessing Our Progress: We Had 10 Wishes for 2010, Here's How We Did

1. **Hoan Bridge:** Our Wish was that the engineering studies of the re-decking of the Hoan Bridge be completed by the DOT by 2010 so that the project could be budgeted and completed by the end of the next budget year. Simply put: Keep the Hoan Bridge!
1. **Hoan Bridge update:** Deck repair is under way with completion planned during 2011. Engineering studies are scheduled to have concluded at the end of 2010. The DOT has promised to provide the completed engineering study to my office and this will inform us how much money will be needed to re-deck

the bridge.

2. **Fiscal Health:** Our Wish was for the successful completion of Strategic Planning as the County attempts to find a means to work through the structural deficit that has plagued our budgets and leads to the County's over-reliance on property taxes.
2. **Fiscal Health update:** Good progress has been made on Strategic Planning. The committee stated that the goal is to return the County to fiscal health. The major areas to accomplish this ultimate goal involve redefining employee benefits so they are fair to employees yet affordable to taxpayers; secondly, a facility plan which will require a complete assessment of all County facilities leading to sale of some land and restructuring of departments to better utilize space, reduce leasing by county departments and find energy savings; finally, the behavioral health hospital must be reorganized according to recent studies. The final plan is targeted for completion by April.
3. **Grant Park:** Our Wish was for a community-wide celebration of the 100th birthday of Grant Park, leading to a renewed appreciation for what our forefathers created in preserving the lakefront and green space for generations to come. May we see the return of 7 Bridges which was badly damaged in the June 2008 storm.
3. **Grant Park update:** Our celebration this past summer was a huge success, bringing many community groups together to work on the effort. The Archbishop blessed the park and Scott Walker and Sue Black were on hand to honor and celebrate this milestone. GOOD JOB EVERYONE!! We are still working to secure funding to restore the lakeside footbridge.
4. **South Shore Renewal & 794:** Our Wish was for continued success in the planning of redevelopment of all the cities along the South Shore as each city's Community Development Authority works to accomplish the visions created in their long range plans. May 794 be extended to the county line to assist in this renewal.
4. **South Shore Renewal & 794 update:** My office successfully got the initial study of 794 passed by the full County Board. I appeared at all the common council meetings of our South Shore cities: St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek. Happily, all of the cities signed on to support the study. We have held two meetings of the Lake Parkway Extension Advisory Committee. I was appointed Chair, and I promise to keep this planning on track. I hope to see our efforts completed in 12 to 18 months. The Mayors of all four cities have been appointed to the 794 planning effort.
5. **Reading for Success:** Our Wish was for the libraries in our federated library system to continue to share resources while also planning local programs that serve both adults and children.
5. **Reading for Success update:** I continue to serve on the Milwaukee County Federated Library System Board. We completed the contract for our delivery system and even saved money. We will continue to work toward a new member agreement for 2011. I know many citizens used our libraries and borrowed materials from throughout the county federated system.

6. **Sheridan Park:** Our Wish was that the Historical Landmark recently designated by the Milwaukee County Historical Society regarding Sheridan would also lead to renewal of the park including replacing lighting and preserving the pools and pavilions.
6. **Sheridan Park update:** We finally got the lights fixed and Sheridan Park and Drive is now lit at night. Sheridan Friends held a rousing spring membership meeting and has many wonderful plans for the future of this great park. If you have not yet done so, please join this great group or any other Friends group at a park near you.
7. **Labor Negotiations:** Our Wish was for completion of successful labor negotiations to give our County employees a fair contract while balancing the needs and concerns of the citizens to pay for services that are both necessary and affordable.
7. **Labor Negotiations update:** Several unions did settle their contracts this year including the nurses union, trades and maintenance workers. We still have three other contracts to complete. As Chair of the Personnel committee, I look forward to getting this done in 2011.
8. **Summer Activities:** Our Wish was for continued recreational programs for our citizens including our wonderful pools at Sheridan and Grobschmidt and our wading pools at Greene and Pulaski, for more summer concerts in our South Shore parks, for great golf, for a new dog park in Warnimont, and for the many organized runs, walks and bike rides.
8. **Summer Activities update:** We kept the pools open and had great summer concerts in spite of a tough economic year in which our parks workers took 26 furlough days throughout the year. We opened [Warnimont Dog Exercise Area](#) which has been wildly successful. We had to delay the new tennis courts in Greene Park, but I hope to have it on track for next year. Grant Park will see part of the park drive resurfaced in 2011.
9. **Strong Transportation:** Our Wish was that the Milwaukee County Transit System continue to operate buses that serve the South Shore, getting many to work and school; may we find a new way through an RTA to pay for our buses and give relief to property taxpayers who currently pay for buses.
9. **Strong Transportation update:** We found a way to keep the buses running on third shift and weekends even though the County Executive sought to cut these routes. We are limping along at best. Unless dedicated funding can be found for our transit system, we will continue to lose pieces of our routes going forward. We must give property tax payers relief and this would be the best place to begin, taking transportation costs off of property tax support.
10. **South Shore People:** Our Wish was that the fine citizens that make up the South Shore continue to participate in the many civic organizations that serve our communities, support our veterans, staff Project Concern and Human Concerns, educate our young people and serve our elderly at the Kelly and Grobschmidt Senior Centers; that they continue to find meaning in their service. During the 2010 Census we ask that each and every one of us be counted so that we obtain the aids and services necessary for our population.

10. **South Shore People update:** You are all wonderful citizens; I continue to be proud of our constituents that make up the South Shore. You are some of the hardest working and most generous citizens in the entire county. It is an absolute privilege to represent you as your county supervisor. Keep up the good work!

Hoan Bridge Becomes Center of Summerfest Races

Summerfest is hosting runs across the Hoan Bridge on Sunday, July 10, the last day of the music festival. The half [marathon and 10K](#) will allow our residents and visitors to experience the Hoan Bridge in a unique way and partake of the beautiful view it has to offer.

I participated in discussions leading to a scheduling compromise, moving the race start times to 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. This earlier start will attract racers on a midsummer day. Additionally, this schedule will cause less interference for other institutions on our lakefront, including Milwaukee Art Museum which is welcoming a special Chinese art exhibit. [*The Emperor's Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City*](#) is on display from June 11 to September 11, 2011.

Visiting Lakefront Culture Institutions

During the current closure of O'Donnell parking structure, visitors have had difficulty accessing lakefront sites including Milwaukee Art Museum, Discovery World and the Betty Brinn Children's Museum. I have pressed our Department of Public Works to expedite repairs to restore the structure for safe use. I have proposed that safety be swiftly restored so the public be able to use the structure during any remaining aesthetic repair. Public Works optimistically anticipates reopening parking sometime this summer.

Meanwhile, visitors can access the lakeside cultural institutions via public transportation or by parking underneath the Milwaukee Art Museum and Discovery World, at the War Memorial surface lot, at the U.S. Bank parking garage or at metered street parking.

Ways to Help Families in Need

Several South Shore churches took in the homeless during the recent cold snap. They have reminded us of the needy among us. Please consider helping families in our community, including those hurt by the struggling economy, by donating to the following agencies at the following donation hours.

[Hunger Task Force](#)

(accepting nonperishable food and monetary donations)

201 South Hawley Ct., Milwaukee (*Honk your horn at the back door if no one greets you*)

777-0483

Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 5pm

[Project Concern of Cudahy and St. Francis](#)

(accepting nonperishable food, clothing, and household items)

Plankinton & Kirkwood Av., Cudahy 744-0645

Mon. 9 am - Noon, 3 pm - 6 pm

Wed. and Fri. 9 am - Noon

1st Sat. of each month 9 am - 11 am

[South Milwaukee Human Concerns](#)

(accepting nonperishable food items, toys, clothing)

1029 Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee 764-5340

Mon. 1 – 3 pm
Tues. 9 – 11 am
Wed. 6 – 8 pm
Thurs. 9 – 11 am, 1 – 3 pm
Fri. 9 – 11 am
Last Sat. of each month 10 am - Noon

Salvation Army Food Pantry

(accepting nonperishable food items and gently used toys)
8853 South Howell Av., Oak Creek 762-3993
Mon. - Fri. 6 am - 6 pm

Community Calendar

Thursday, December 31, 2010 – Ride FREE on all regular Milwaukee County buses, beginning at 8pm until the regular ending times of most routes. Additionally, Routes 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27, 30, 62, and 80 will extend service until 4am the next day, operating each half hour. Thanks to Miller Lite for its sponsorship of the free rides.
www.ridemcts.com or 1-800-FREE-RIDES

Saturday, January 1, 2011 – Cool Kite Festival, 11am-5pm

The “Kite Whisperer” will provide kite-flying lessons. All are welcome to participate in this “fun flight” with a kite brought from home or one purchased at the event. Witness the giant kites of Yves Laforest. Watch ice artists in action and take a horse-drawn carriage ride for a small fee. Complementary hot chocolate and coffee while it lasts thanks to Caribou Coffee. Dress warm. At Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee. www.giftofwings.com 277-9121

Saturday, January 1 – New Year’s Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-4:30pm

Milwaukee County residents with ID receive FREE admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466



Sunday, January 2, 2011 – New Bus Schedules Take Effect

Preview schedules at www.ridemcts.com/About-MCTS/News/Preview-New-Schedules-Before-They-Become-Effective-1/2/2011/

Thursday, January 6 – Music Under Glass, 6:30-8:30pm

The Squeezettes perform polka. Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. Regular admission applies. 649-9830 www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Saturday, January 8 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-4:30pm

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Tuesday, January 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Marquette Manor (2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191
www.southmilwaukee.org/millpond

Thursday, January 13 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262

Thursday, January 13 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612

Sunday, January 16 – Samson Stomp & Romp for the Zoo, throughout the morning

Participate in a run, walk or children’s romp in honor of Samson the gorilla. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd, Milwaukee. Register here until January 12: www.milwaukeezoo.org/events/samson.php Save gorillas by bringing old cell phones to recycle. Recycling cell phones reduces the need to mine for coltan and destroy lowland gorilla habitat in Congo.

Thursday, January 20 – Music Under Glass, 6:30-8:30pm

Eddie Butts Band performs pop, funk and R&B. Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. Regular admission applies. 649-9830

www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Friday, January 21 – Restaurants Under Glass, 6:30-9pm

Enjoy exquisite food from local restaurants. Sponsored by Friends of the Domes. For fees and details, visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360.htm> or call 649-9830.

Wednesday, January 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Ongoing:

Music Under Glass, Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 31, 6:30-8:30pm Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#). Check out the schedule of music at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm



ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy

Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting.
Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

Sheridan Lagoon opens when ice is sufficiently thick.

M-F: 3-8 pm; Sat-Sun: Noon-8pm

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee
(accessible via Route 15, www.ridemcts.com)

FREE rink, \$7 skate rental (includes tax) or bring your own. Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and hot beverages! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories from the National Weather Service. Details: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm>

Red Arrow Rink

Dec. 31: 11am-2am

Jan. 1 through Closing Day:
Mon.-Th.: 11am-8pm (with skate rentals beginning at 2pm)
Fri. & Sat.: 11am-11pm
Sun.: 11am-8pm